

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's determination that claims 2 and 3 include allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (Office Action dated September 30, 2005, paragraph 3; Office Action dated December 13, 2005, page 3, lines 1-3).

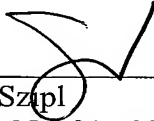
Claim 1 is cancelled. Claim 2 is amended to be an independent claim incorporating the subject matter of claim 1. Claim 3 continues to depend on claim 2.

Thus, for the reasons of record, claims 2 and 3 are now in condition for allowance, and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Questions are welcomed by the below signed attorney for the Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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